

to the House by our Dear Colleague letter of yesterday, our colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) and his wife, Laurie, have suffered a terrible loss with the tragic death of their son, and we extend our condolences to them and to their other son, Ken, for this terrible and tragic loss of young Bart, who is also known as BJ.

He was a bright and energetic young man, much loved by all who knew him. Obviously his loss is a devastating blow to the Stupak family and to all of their friends, and many of my colleagues in the House have come over to express their sorrow and concern.

It is my purpose to announce at this time that the funeral for BJ, as he was known, will be tomorrow evening on Wednesday, May 17. It will take place in Menominee, Michigan at 8 p.m. Our offices, that of myself and my good friend the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON), have worked to arrange travel for Members wishing to attend the visitation and the funeral mass.

Members desiring to go will leave the House steps of the Capitol tomorrow at 3:15 p.m. The aircraft which has been chartered will be departing Reagan National Airport at 4 p.m. We should be returning about 1 a.m. on Thursday morning.

For Members desiring more details on travel arrangements, they should contact either my office or that of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON).

I yield to my good friend, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON).

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the opportunity to speak to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) this morning. He thanked the leadership for the moment of silence, and also the staffs of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) and my staff, and also his staff has been terrific in putting together this event on, obviously, a pretty short notice.

I also want to thank Northwest Airlines which has bent over backwards to allow us to charter a plane to fly to Wisconsin tomorrow. The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) also indicated he wanted me to thank the leadership for postponing votes allowing Members to be able to attend the service tomorrow afternoon and evening.

I would just like to thank the Dean of the House for this 5 minutes and would ask Members that would like to attend the service tomorrow if they could contact either the office of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) or my office. We will make sure that those arrangements are taken care of.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my colleague for the wonderful help he has been in this difficult matter and express my thanks to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON) for that. I would like to observe that

we will be making further communications with the office of the Members both by Dear Colleague and electronically, so that they will be fully informed of this.

I repeat, the chartered aircraft will be leaving tomorrow at 3:15 by bus from the Capitol steps; the actual time of departure from the aircraft will be from Reagan National Airport at 4 p.m. It is anticipated that the return will be about 1 o'clock in the morning the next day. I do thank my good friend, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON).

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4425, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 502 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 502

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4425) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(c) of rule XIII are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendments the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. For purposes of enforcement of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 in the

House, the appropriate levels of total new budget authority and total budget outlays for fiscal years 2000 through 2005 prescribed by House Concurrent Resolution 290 pursuant to section 301(a)(1) of the Act shall be those reflected in the table entitled "Conference Report Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Resolution Total Spending and Revenues" on page 49 of House Report 106-577.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Committee on Rules met and granted an open rule for H.R. 4425, the Military Construction Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2001. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and the ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives clause 2 of House rule XXI prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill against provisions in the bill. The rule also waives clause 4(c) of rule XIII requiring the 3-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill against consideration of the bill.

Additionally, the rule provides that the bill shall be open to amendment by paragraph and authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The rule further allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to 5 minutes on a postponed question if it follows a 15-minute vote.

The rule provides that for the purposes of enforcement of the Congressional Budget Act, the appropriate levels of new budget authority and total budget outlays shall be those reflected in the table entitled "Conference Report Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Resolution Total Spending and Revenues" in House Report 106-577.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, as Thomas Jefferson warned, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Part of this Nation's vigilance is ensuring America's military readiness, for as Ronald Reagan said during an address at West Point, a successful Army is one that because of its strength, ability and dedication will not be called upon to fight, for no one will dare provoke it.

Too often, we take for granted the security and peace of mind that comes with living in the greatest, freest Nation in the world. But we cannot take